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GLOBE-TROTTING With GINNY

Scot Hostess Believes
In Exchanging Visits

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

INVERNESS, Scotland (BP)--Sixteen summers ago I spent my first of several vacations in Inverness, Miss., meeting my future in-laws. So being in Inverness, Scotland, for which city my husband's hometown is named, was a significant occasion.

I found it difficult, however, to remember to stress the last syllable for the Scottish town rather than the first syllable as is done in the Mississippi community.

My Scottish hostess, in taking me from the lowlands of southern Scotland to the highlands of the north, was repeating a hospitality she has rendered to scores of other "foreigners." I was the first visitor that was not a young student.

Mrs. Banks has opened her Christian home to so many young visitors she has lost track of the number. Her motive is her belief that when the youth of the world get to know each other's nations and people, peace is more likely.

I found that many people in Great Britain and on the European continent encourage international visits among young people. Mrs. Banks' children have exchanged visits with youth in South Africa, France, Germany, etc. Other young people bicycle and hike throughout Europe learning first-hand about the world they live in.

Christian groups in Scotland are beginning evangelistic work among such campers and travelers. This missionary work is done by young Scottish Baptists and other Christians. Young people who are eager to learn of other nations are also willing to hear about their religious beliefs.

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Dear Friend:

As a vital part of Baptist Press, we want you to participate in the selection of the Top 10 stories in the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1961.

Enclosed you will find a ballot listing 15 to 20 stories from which to choose.

Please mark at the left-hand margin, from 1 to 10, by number and in order the ten foremost stories in your opinion. Do not go beyond 10. The most important story will bear the figure "1" in the left margin by it. The one of secondary importance will have the figure "2." The tenth most important will carry the figure "10" which you have marked in the margin beside that story.

As we have done since initiating this six years ago, ballots will be tallied on a preferential system. Stories marked "1" on ballots will get 10 points; stories marked "2" get nine points, stories marked "10" get but one point.

The number of points will be added from all the ballots returned to us. This will decide the 10 "winners." Since close decisions have resulted on the top stories nearly every year, your ballot is important. Please mark it right now. It will take only a minute and it will avoid the loss or lateness--too late for counting--caused by delay.

The deadline for receiving them back in the office here will be the Monday mail deliveries, Dec. 11--one week from this writing. Therefore, please mail them back at once. An air mail stamped envelope is enclosed addressed to us to speed up your handling and to save secretarial handling or delay.

Mail today. Mark only 10 stories. List them in order of priority. We will release a story Dec. 15 for publication date of Dec. 20 or thereafter.

Cordially,

Theo Sommerkamp

Encl:

Ballot For Top 10 SBC Stories In 1961

- ___ Insufficient SBC Cooperative Program funds curtail missions
- ___ Baptists battle efforts to put parochial schools in federal aid picture
- ___ Seminaries face issues over doctrine and integration
- ___ Texas association admits two Negro churches into membership; colleges change race policy.
- ___ Four states (Ky., S. C., Calif., Ore.-Wash.) elect new executive secretaries
- ___ H. H. Hobbs elected Convention president
- ___ Convention gives increased attention to communism menace
- ___ Baptists named to key posts in Kennedy administration (Hays, Geren)
- ___ Sam Rayburn treated in Sou. Baptist hospital, funeral in Sou. Baptist church
- ___ Tax questions affect Baptists in Mississippi, Alabama, N. C., Ky. and Tenn.
- ___ Oklahoma to study church-state issues, including those in leasing city hospitals
- ___ Contradictory opinions of whether Baptists should borrow from government
- ___ Foreign missionary appointments reach 1500
- ___ Annuity Board defends leaseback textile mill purchases
- ___ Report 12,796 churches and missions established during 30,000 Movement
- ___ Southern Baptist Convention Building slated for Nashville.
- ___ 1000-man pulpit exchange between American, Southern churches proposed
- ___ Second National Conference of S. B. Men
- ___ Southern Baptists stay in Cuba despite school "intervention"
- ___ Goldwater charges direct federal aid to Baptist schools refuted
- ___ Ecumenical movement aired at SBC Pastor's Conference
- ___ Committee suggests no change in name of Southern Baptist Convention

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